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1. Construction of a new Soviet airfield at Rothenburg-Bremerhain is being pushed at a fast pace with 1,000 prisoners and 1,000 workers on contract from the Bau-Union Dresden.
2. The main runway which was due to be completed on 23 October 1953 was in actual fact completed on 25 October at 5 a.m. The workers were given a share of 25,000 marks as bonus for this achievement.
3. The main runway is 2,800 meters long and 80 meters wide. Its direction is roughly north-west/south-east. The runway was constructed as follows:
 - a) 40 centimeters rubble foundation
 - b) 20 centimeters sand covering
 - c) 23 centimeters concrete surface
4. The concrete surface was constructed in 20 strips, each four meters wide.
5. Linking up the runway and the airfield buildings are 12 kilometers of taxi-tracks. The taxi-tracks have the same foundation, cushion and surface as the main runway.
6. Work has now begun on the construction of 46 airfield buildings to the west of the railway line Lodenau-Noes-Rothenburg.
7. The Russian control officer responsible for the airfield's construction is Major Ivan Prokofievich Mierononkov.

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